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Iron Mixed with Miry Clay

The town of **ENNISKILLEN, NORTHERN IRELAND**, with barely 1500 residents, hosted the “**Group of Eight**” (**G-8**) at its 300-acre golf resort, **Lough Erne**. None of the 7,000 police officers arrested any of the 500 protestors. The summit included **BRITAIN, CANADA**, the **EU, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN, RUSSIA**, and **USA**. Free trade negotiations open in July.

Apparently **BRITAIN** wants the bilateral trade deal between the US and the EU. If the pending free trade agreement is reached, billions and trillions might be invested in the US and the EU. **President Hollande of FRANCE** wants the *slowing down process* for the sake of the nation members who are NOT competitive, to ensure a more level playing field. **The EUROPEAN COMMISSION President Barroso**, wants *issue confrontation*, because EU regulators set the global standards.

(Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/eu-us-agree-start-free-trade-talks-g-195035853.html>, “**EU, US agree to start free trade talks at G-8**” AP by **Shawn Pogatchnik** and **David McHugh**/Associated Press article posted on Yahoo News June 17. The article notes that Associated Press writers **Cassandra Vinograd** and **Vladimir Isachenkov** contributed to their report)

Opposites Attract

The differences in philosophy of the US and EU are several and plenty. That FACT can no longer be concealed because of the free trade talks. What will be the prevailing model for the global plantation. Will it be GMO cultivation or zero tolerance of GMO's. The EU “**Plant Protection Act**” safeguards biodynamic farming, organic gardening, permaculture, and seed saving for example. But the US “**Bio-Terrorism**” and “**Farmer Assurance Provision**” biotech rider safeguards corporations like Monsanto and Syngenta for example. The DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE VALUES would be serious criticism no matter how golden the idea, “*Never the twain shall meet*” or, if so, not for long.

Such a high-maintenance marriage of opposites in the proposed bilateral free-trade agreement would be odd bedfellows, indeed, yet stranger things have happened. The alliance may be short-lived though, due to the strong EU safeguard clauses crumbling if mixed with GMO crop theory and industry self-regulation. *Maybe the bees will decide.*

50,000 Bumblebees Massacred in OREGON

Mace Vaughan, Director for **XERCES SOCIETY FOR INVERTEBRATE CONSERVATION** Pollinator Program based in Portland, Oregon, says that bumblebees are the single most important natural pollinator of berries, flowers, and plants in OREGON.

How ironic, then, that during **NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK** in the U.S.A., the **OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** confirmed that bumblebees, honeybees, and ladybugs were falling dead out of parking lot trees onto the pavement outside the **ARGYLE SQUARE Target** store in **WILSONVILLE, OREGON**. Pesticide experts and **Dan Hilburn**, Director of Plant Programs at the **OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** assessed the situation and confirmed that “**SAFARI**”, a **NEOCOTINOID** insecticide, was sprayed on the 55 European Linden Trees. The tree spraying on Saturday was causative of **50,000 bee deaths**, with the count still rising, by Wednesday. *That's a lot of bee butchery in just three days' time.*

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Dale Mitchell, the Manger for the **OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE's** Compliance Program is assessing if the company responsible broke any federal or state laws and what the severity of dishonoring Nature might be. Landscapers are hired to care for the grounds by the property management company, **Elliot Associates Inc.** Fines for pesticide regulation infractions can range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The **SAFARI** brand **NEOCOTINOID** pesticide sprayed on a plant, makes the *flowers, leaves, and nectar* poisonous to almost all insects. The **SAFARI** product label on the distributor's website warns it is HIGHLY TOXIC to bees and tells applicators that if bees are visiting the area, the product should NOT be applied. A label warning is obviously NOT enough safeguard for the pollinators.

(Source: THE OREGONIAN "**Pesticides suspected in bumblebee die-off**" June 20 and "**Bee deaths rise to 50,000**" June 22, by **Elizabeth Case**, 503.294.7672, ecase@oregonian.com, www.OregonLive.com, facebook.com/theoregonian , twitter.com/oregonian)

Oregon Senate Bill 800

Commercial or governmental application of pesticide should be a reporting requirement. The **Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)** SHOULD be notified. *Product labels* are NOT enough safeguard. This OREGON SENATE BILL 800 passed in Committee 4/17 and moved on to the Senate floor for a vote.

Seeing Things Clearly

According to a new study published in the journal, **PloSOne**, sugar consumption raises diabetes risk. Other calorie forms are better ways to get energy. Have you read **LITTLE SUGAR ADDICT**.

The **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)** is historically the enabler to the largest and wealthiest 10% of farms that receive 75% of all agricultural subsidies. President Abraham Lincoln created the USDA and the world plantation has put small family farms out of business in the United States of America. Today less than two percent of Americans are farmers.

The *sugar measures* started during the **Great Depression** as a temporary commodity protection. But when the Depression ended, the government guarantee of sugar market price remained.

Ending the dairy and sugar entitlements may be disruptive because of how long those industries have been co-dependent upon the US government's price entitlements. But inconvenience is no excuse. Texas is a sugar industry state, but Senator Ted Cruz of Texas voted for sugar reform. Dispersal of costs to consumers and concentrating wealth to the GMO producers has to be reformed.

If you don't benefit from paying up to 92% higher sugar costs than world price, then who does. Your grocery money is being taken away from you by the government, and given to the 4,700 sugar beet or sugar cane farms. High sugar price quotas raise the price of everything that has sugar as an ingredient, from bread and jam to soda or yogurt. That is justice for some, *not all*.

The US government buys sugar surplus and sells it at a loss to ethanol producers. That drives the price of sugar up by \$3 *billion*, meaning it puts family owned candy companies out of business, while Hershey and Mars locate plants elsewhere in the world, where sugar prices are much lower than in the U.S.A. The small **Dagoba** chocolate company of ASHLAND, OREGON, sold out to **Hershey** Corporation, which illustrates the point. **THE DARK SIDE OF CHOCOLATE** is a must-see documentary that exposes the child slave labor lurking behind every chocolate chip or **Hershey bar**.

15% of sugar in America is imported at high tariff rates. Next time you drink a can of soda or put sugar in your coffee or tea, think about how the US government price-guarantees 85% of the GMO sugar beets and cane sugar, unless the sugar is labeled "*Certified Organic*".

(Source: June 9, **MAIL TRIBUNE**, "**Too Sweet to kill: how irrational subsidies are perpetuated**" by **George Will** in Washington DC, georgewill@washpost.com)

If You Please

The ten-year old tween wonder, **Alexa Schmidt**, is becoming a household word in ASHLAND, OREGON. She was featured as a main speaker for the Medford "**March Against Monsanto**" where her sincerity and ease in front of an audience made her beloved by everyone who heard her. **Schmidt** says she would love to be invited to give her talk to schools and churches, and that she would especially love to be invited to do a www.ted.com talk because she wants very much to tell people why her generation desires a GMO-free future.

The self-appointed young spokeswoman was brought to PUBLIC ATTENTION by the popular 6 p.m. **CHANNEL 5 TV NEWS** on June 19 when the television channel filmed live coverage of her in-person speech to the **Jackson County Commissioners' meeting** and interviewed her live that morning. The remarkable confidence and poise of this young presenter won smiles from the Commissioners when she boldly requested of them to enact a county-wide **GMO crop moratorium**. Schmidt came across as positively sure of herself, to TV viewers.

Schmidt thinks the County Commissioners may do the moratorium she asked for, since her peer age group are children and grandchildren, they *are* here with us now. Her emphasis is on the FACT that it's *their* lives, and *their* world. She clearly has a sense of ownership to convict people's hearts and minds. With tweens like that we all need to pay attention to her message. Each generation needs a hero and **Schmidt** has come forward as a light. Every child has the potential to be a light of the world. Open your eyes to see the light shining brightly in all the Alexa Schmidts of the world who need our appreciation and our love. *Grandmothers pass Schmidt's hug forward.*

June Syngenta AG Events in OREGON

TV coverage of **Schmidt** was Wednesday evening, June 19. By Friday morning, June 21 the **DAILY TIDINGS** local newspaper had strangely and suddenly rushed to print a big front page headline, "**FBI: Destruction of GMO beets was 'economic sabotage'**," article by **Sam Wheeler**. Lovely way to announce the beautiful first day of Spring turning into Summer, wasn't it. Wheeler tells the public they were not informed as to *who, where, why, or how* two Syngenta AG events occurred half a month early, but he asserts he is writing about something that is FBI turf. The article claims:

1. **Syngenta AG workers** allegedly called the **FBI** with an assertion that they "discovered" their sugar beet GMO plots destroyed, on a couple of different nights, in **Jackson County, OREGON**.
2. **FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steel** says **federal law WAS violated** involving damage to commercial agricultural enterprises, and that it is probable both events were by the same person or people. She declines to comment *how* the plots managed by the workers were destroyed, or *where* the plots are located. But two FBI agents confirmed the plants are dead and attempted to tell the landowners from whom Syngenta leases. The FBI calls the June 8 and June 11 GMO events "economic sabotage" and depending upon FBI conclusions there may be domestic bio-terrorism charges. There is confirmation that 1,000 plants were destroyed during the night of June 8 and another separate 5,500 plants were destroyed on a separate night of June 11. Syngenta AG partially leases from private landowners.
3. **Syngenta spokesman Paul Minehard** also declined from commenting on *how* the GMO plots managed by Syngenta AG workers were destroyed, or *where* the plots were located, but says **Syngenta AG's investment in this is over \$50,000**. He says Syngenta protects itself with people and electronic surveillance, but has not stepped up security at any of its plots because it had security measures already in place, and that Syngenta AG leases several fields throughout Jackson County for growing GMO sugar beet seed plants. The Syngenta AG claim is that 6,500 sugar beets were vandalized **as an assault against law-abiding Americans** and that the dead GMO sugar beets are a crime **against agriculture**.
4. There is a picture of alleged proof of the vandalism, showing some dead plants, alleged to be Syngenta AG's GMO-gene sugar beets at the 1400 block of Tolman Creek Road, which is allegedly less than 1/4 of an acre, in ASHLAND, OREGON, according to **Sam Wheeler**.

5. **Wheeler** reports that the *President* of **Jackson County Farm Bureau, Ron Bjork**, emailed the **MAIL TRIBUNE** assigning motive to the June 8 and June 10 GMO events, claiming they were **efforts to destroy a family's livelihood**.
1. **Chris Hardy** denounces violence toward plants, and his **GMO-Free Jackson County** followers all believe **ballot initiative in May 2014 with Measure 15-119** is the right way to get provisions in place to ban GMO crops, as has been done through the legislative process in the EU. The group believes voters will vote "Yes". **They would not have sabotaged themselves**.
6. **OREGONIANS FOR FOOD AND SHELTER** are offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the ID, arrest and conviction of the vandal(s).
7. The **FARM BUREAU** offers up to \$1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of arson, theft, or vandalism on a member's posted property.

What We Know For Sure

What is obvious is that the article by **Wheeler** didn't appear until *after* 10-year old **Alexa Schmidt** was seen on **Channel 5 TV** all over **OREGON** on the **6 o'clock p.m. news** on Wednesday evening, June 19. What makes sense is that TV viewers all over **OREGON**, including tourists, had witnessed over **PUBLIC TELEVISION**, the girl's request of the Commissioners to enact a county-wide GMO crop moratorium.

Truth Embargos Eventually End

The parallel between the nicotine industry's lobbyists and the Biotech Industry's GMO lobbyists is striking. According to **THE OREGONIAN** reporter **Aimee Green**, **"Court revives cigarette lawsuit"**, a couple of Oregonian women want their cigarette money back that they spent buying **PHILIP MORRIS BRAND** cigarettes. The company claimed their cigarettes weren't harmful, and defrauded them into believing low tar cigarettes weren't as bad as regular cigarettes. The APPEALS COURT opened the door for 100,000 Oregon smokers to seek as much as \$1 billion. In like manner we will all be looking back at this time called now from an unspecified time in the future and realizing that corporations like Monsanto and Syngenta AG prevailed at only a particular time in history. Hindsight is beautiful. All the defrauding and misrepresentation inevitably gets exposed to the light of public outcry. (Source: Aimee Green 503.294.5119, agreen@oregonian.com at **ORne.ws/low-tar-cigarettes**).

Relationship on the Rocks

Rich Farmer Bill's \$200 billion milk and sugar price supports were *indefensible*. The House of America rebelled by refusing to let Farmer Bill continue doing that. Farmer Bill also wanted to increase his \$5 billion a year agribusiness stipend to a higher \$9 billion a year. The new taxpayer hand-outs would have been doled out cotton, peanut, rice, and livestock agribusiness. But the House of America put the foot down and revolted against increasing subsidies for the largest and most successful farm agribusiness. Rich Farmer Bill's unpopularity resulted from intent to harm his significant other to the tune of \$20 billion a year aggression to cut off her programs to help feed the hungry and safeguard the environment. It takes two people to have a marriage, but only one to get divorced. It was an abusive relationship and there seems to have been a separation split. **"No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come"** –Victor Hugo. (Sources: **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL's** June 21-23, **"The Farm Bill Revolt"** June 21 and **"Food Stamps Second Choice"** June 22 and 23, and **THE NEW YORK TIMES**, **"House Rejects Farm Bill as Food Stamp Cuts Prove Divisive"** by **Ron Nixon** June 20. The NYT's URL <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/21/us/politics/house-defeats-a-farm-bill-with-big-food-stamps...>)

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The Good News

OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES in Salem *approved the canola crop ban* in the **WILLAMETTE VALLEY** for five-years while requiring that the **Oregon State University** continues to study the issues. The bill passed on to the Senate.

GMO-seed does NOT offer the flora diversity needed to adapt to climate change. Plus that disadvantage, a lot of GMO crops such as Canola threaten food security because they are produced for biofuel, subtracting land value that could be used for high value specialty Certified Organic crops.

You can track the bill banning GMO canola via <http://gov.oregonlive.com/bill/2013/HB2427/>

(Source: June 26, **MAIL TRIBUNE**, "**Oregon House backs 5-year ban on canola in valley**").

Constituent Comments and Signatures

Political lobbying groups, such as the **Biotechnology Industry Organization**, get paid lots of money to instruct congress and other policy makers how to do "eco-speak" in a way that does not rile up law makers. But even though they use environmental sounding phrases and code words that may sound very positive, in a political context the words may actually mean the opposite of what legislators think they mean.

That's why the **NORTHCOAST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER** in **ARCADA, CALIFORNIA**, has a legislative analyst, **Dan Sealy**, who can help be the ears and eyes in **Washington D.C.** for **Northern Californians** and **Southern Oregonians**. (www.facebook.com/EcoNews.NEC)

MOVE ON CIVIC ACTION is a public petition website entirely funded by its eight million members, without any corporate contributions, without any big checks from CEO's, and its tiny staff ensures that small contributions go a long way. They do not endorse the contents of online petitions. But every legislator in OREGON has received hundreds of constituent comments and signatures through the <http://www.moveon.org> system.

Oregon HB 633

OREGON HB 633 should be defeated because it asserts that counties should not be able to pass laws that are more strict than state law. In Gregory v. Ashcroft, 501 U.S. 452, 460 (1991) "*Through the structure of its government, and the character of those who exercise government authority, a State defines itself as sovereign.*"

The democratic right to pass provisions is a freedom residing in the citizens of the state. The people exercise their own inherent sovereign right to govern themselves in California and 26 other states where initiatives and popular referendums are acceptable. The initiative process embodies the principle of democracy. Where there is failure of a statewide GMO cultivation ban, then it becomes important for cities and counties to pass their own local ordinances to prohibit GMO-seed crops and to get food outlets to label GMO ingredients for consumers.

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Measure 15-119

Because international corporations such as **Syngenta AG** use monetary influence in local communities to plant GMO test plots and to invade American soil with GMO-seed crops, local citizens are taking a stand for bees, seed-saving, family farms, and soil reclamation. The grassroots level involvement is for the purpose of bringing the GMO-corrupted food system back into balance with the natural environment. Various agencies and organizations are weighing in for city, county, and statewide bans to entirely phase out GMO crops by 2015 because of a need to move away from unnecessary GMO-seeds.

For example, GMO-seed crops in **OREGON** are of low value to the marketplace and there is difficulty of selling GMO's in bulk export. Public comment has provided evidence that GMO crops are *not* economically viable to the state. Many restaurants and stores are eliminating GMO's at the counter or phasing out GMO ingredients, and Verified GMO-free groceries are selling well. Many people bring their own GMO-free food to events or ask for a GMO-free option. Farmers say that going organic decreases their operation costs. Cities and towns are developing model ordinances and environmental assessment documents.

For more information on the GMO-free Jackson County, OREGON, movement, please contact www.gmofreejacksoncounty.com. Voting **"YES" for Jackson County's MEASURE 15-119** will *not* increase county expense. It will put provision in place to block the cultivation of GMO-seed crops in **Jackson County** and provide procedures to administer due process of law. *The exemption is for closed laboratory GMO research for medical science.* The Rogue Valley needs to have the precautionary principle and safeguards against the cultivation and propagation of GMO-seed crops.

Update on MON71800 Wheat in Oregon

OREGON Representative Brian Clem asserts that the **MONSANTO COMPANY** should be held financially responsible because it developed the GMO wheat. He and other **OREGON** legislators asked **Governor John Kitzhaber** to direct the **OREGON ATTORNEY GENERAL** to pursue compensation for money lost by wheat farmers because of the Monsanto GMO WHEAT.

The **USDA** has admitted that for seven-years it had authorized 100 GMO-wheat test plots in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming.

The USDA has given trading partners a copy of the test developed by MONSANTO so they can identify the engineered strain. That means the world no longer ascribes to MONSANTO'S FUNDAMENTAL ATTRIBUTION ERROR tendency to scapegoat Organic Consumers. The global community's GMO health concerns are something other than mass delusion. Rather, the actions, attributes, and motive of GMO-free proponents have arisen because of external situational factors. The changing world demands that the negative GMO findings of independent research results conducted by scientists in other nations be acknowledged by the U.S.A. as valid, and that their negative scientific GMO conclusions be brought to the table for TRANSCONTINENTAL META-ANALYSIS.

The U.S.A. exports \$8 billion worth of wheat a year and the **MON71800 Event** has alerted wheat growers in every other wheat state that GMO wheat can and has popped up where it did not belong. GMO-genes can escape into the wild and behave unpredictably. Corporations like MONSANTO must be restricted from testing and selling GMO-seed because it poses international economic fear.

(Source: June 13 **MAIL TRIBUNE**, **"GMO wheat reportedly didn't spread past origin"**, and June 17, **MAIL TRIBUNE** article from the **KANSAS CITY STAR**, **"A GMO Surprise America can't ignore risks to trade posed by genetically modified crops"**)

Apocalyptic Planet

In his recently published book **APOCALYPTIC PLANET**, author **Craig Childs** talks about his search to find a present-day place that would best symbolize life termination on planet earth. His location search found the state of **IOWA**, in the U.S.A.

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APOCALYPTIC PLANET describes the horror of walking amidst endless rows of **GMO corn crops** that are bereft of biodiversity and which have been doused in biocides during an **IOWA** heat wave. Life as humanity used to know it, has turned into record-setting heat waves and unsustainable GMO agricultural practices that are completely out-of-balance thanks to **MONSANTO**. Can the bees, family farms, and seed saving be brought back, or has the terminator crops become an apocalyptic planet.

An Encouraging Word

Grandmothers get your **book discussion group** organized now. **APOCALYPTIC PLANET** might be a great first read on the topic of GMO's. You could ask your friends to order the book from your local bookstore, and set a day-date-time to get together with them for discussion of two chapters a week, to help raise awareness of the GMO public-safety issues of global prime concern. Forming a GMO book discussion group may help those you care about to voice opposition to the growing amount of GMO foods in the food supply. Voters may show a very strong support to bring in measures to label GMO's and ban GMO-seed crops.

Grandmothers have bright ideas and one of them is to give newlyweds a variety of **"Certified Organic" seed packets**. An array of heirloom organic seeds is an affordable, wonderful **wedding gift** that will yield a yummy, plentiful harvest or pretty bouquets for the newlyweds to enjoy later. The gift recipients might even treat Grandmothers to dinner when the harvest ripens.

Follow the Money Trail

Yahoo News posted an **"Extensive List of Politicians Paid off by Monsanto"** by **Anthony Gucciardi**. **Gucciardi** points out that **SENATOR ROY BLUNT** received \$64,250.00 from **MONSANTO**. The payoff resulted in his helping to write the **FARMER ASSURANCE PROVISION** known as the **"Monsanto Protection Act"** that granted biotech immunity from the Judicial Branch of the Constitution of the U.S.A.

Gucciardi further asserts that graft is the implication as to why the GMO labeling bills keep getting defeated by the **US Congress**. How can bioperversity be reversed when \$260,000.00 of **MONSANTO MONIES** spoiled the **US House of Representatives** and \$122,000.00 spoiled the **US Senate**.

In other words, it would be naïve, wouldn't it, to think **MONSANTO** gratuities were given without any expectation of reciprocity. It's called **"Professional Courtesy"** and it means voting the way the **Biotech Industry Organization's lobbyists** want, rather than in the public's best interest. Money talks. But the seed money comes with strings attached. It's an unspoken **"understanding"**. But is it in the public's highest and best interest. No.

You've probably heard the expression, **"Something's rotten in Denmark"**. But, of course, we are talking about a country other than that. It's a saying that is used to alert people that there's something troublesome. **MONSANTO** shells out to buy politicians in the U.S.A. Maybe that's why the word **"MONSANTO"** is practically synonymous with the word **"AMERICA"**.

Gucciardi implicates **MONSANTO** for paying off **Republican** Representatives to the tune of \$190,500.00 and **Democrat** Representatives were paid off to the drum beat of \$72,000.00.

In the midst of such widespread displacement of the will of the people by corporations, are there any politicians left who have not caved in. It's refreshing to note that **ALASKA** and **WASHINGTON** state policy makers seem to have somehow escaped ingratiating themselves to the GMO-seed shark.

Unfortunately the same cannot be said for **OREGON Senator Greg Walden**, who succumbed to \$1,000.00 of **MONSANTO MONEY**, as did certain elected officials in **CALIFORNIA, HAWAII**, and most of the other states of the Union. That's a poignant commentary about the state of affairs in the world today.

Q. How many birth defects did **MONSANTO** cause with its **Agent Orange**.

A. Over 500,000 birth defects.

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Q. How many human beings did **MONSANTO** kill with its **Agent Orange** during the Vietnam-era.

A. Over 400,000 people were killed by **MONSANTO biological and chemical weaponry**, including many American soldiers.

(source: June 3 "**Extensive List of Politicians Paid Off by Monsanto**" by **Anthony Gucciardi**. <http://us.mc1844.mail.yahoo.com/mc/showMessage?sMid=14&filterBy=&.rand=72832610...>)

Results of 20-Year Study

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY has studied pesticide use on GMO crops for over 20-years and pesticide use has radically *increased*. (For more research details search "**WSU Benbrook pesticide study**," and "**Wisconsin Study GMO Yields**")

USDA Makes Some Progress

The **USDA** sets nutritional standards for **100,000 schools** receiving federal funds to help pay for lunches. That's about half of all private and nearly all public schools in the U.S.A. **Snack food vending machines** at schools will have new calorie, fat, sodium, and sugar *restrictions*. Regulation of school bake sales is still left up to states, and Kids can still bring exempted sack lunches from home but the worst **junk foods** will be **banned** from school vending machines in 2014. Too bad all GMO junk foods aren't banned.

(Source: The Associated Press, "**Goodbye M & M's, hello granola bars as school snacks**" by Mary Clare Jalonick)

Keep on Keeping on

Banning GMO's locally is a good start in America, and the injustice and significant environmental and health issues created by GMO's are global and the GMO public-safety issues of global prime concern are real. State-wide and national GMO-seed crop bans and moratoriums are the best possible solution.

Meanwhile grassroots activists, concerned citizens, families, and farmers in towns around the world continue to gather together to raise awareness. Such gatherings in community centers, homes, and in front of local courthouses, to listen to speakers who are bringing forward information. But a new paradigm house must be built on the global level.

Upcoming Worldwide Video Event

Mike Adams of www.NaturalNews.tv and **Dr. Edward F. Group III** with the **Global Healing Center** teamed up to launch **a global videographer campaign against Monsanto, on July 24**. They call it the **MONSANTO VIDEO REVOLT**. Homemade videos are going to gust with a mighty breath all of the major video hosting websites across the earth. The earth's old paradigm is being ushered out on July 24, and the new harmonic convergence paradigm that ushers in the next 2,500 years is being celebrated at Mount Shasta on July 25 and July 26, then at each of the earth's major portals by consciousness shifters. Awareness of Mother Earth's global melt and intention to help heal the planet is a high priority with the younger generation.

A picture is worth 1,000 words. Unlike the physical "**March Against Monsanto**" event that mainstream media played down, the on-line event will drive trends because the **video tsunami** of camera teams and videographers giving voice all on the same day, as to why there needs to be a global ban on GMO-seed crops will send a virtual INTERNET tidal wave around the world.

Anyone can use a **cellphone camera**, a studio-quality **camcorder**, or a **webcam** to tell Monsanto, Syngenta, and Big Biotech to stop now. Leave the earth's air, water, and food supply alone and stop the seed corruption. **Video uploads will be posted to Youtube, Vimeo, Liveleak, Dailymotion, and blog talk radio such as www.VisionaryCulture.com, www.NaturalNews.tv, Facebook, Twitter, and social media sites.**

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You can see a sample video report posted at the homepage of www.yournec.org. Planetary eco-transformation begins with a positive idea in the mind.

(Source: **NATION OF CHANGE**, <http://www.nationofchange.org/monsanto-video-revolt-massive-grassroots-campaign-launched-against-gmos-monsanto-1371392198>)

Drought Affects MONSANTO Empire

MONSANTO COMPANY net seed sales were weaker at \$4.25 billion. Profits were weaker at \$909 million, or \$1.68 a share, down 3% from last year. Per-share earnings rose from \$1.63 last year to \$1.66 now. Production costs were higher due to drought. On the global GMO plantation, soybeans decreased in Brazil, but corn increased globally.

(Source: June 27 **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**, "**Production Costs Reflect Effects of 2012 Drought**" by **Saabira Chaudhry**)

The Free-Trade Talks

Tucked away in the news is a precious little gem from **GERMANY'S President Merkel** who says that if **Y** wants to be adopted into **the EU's family**, then the nation of **TURKEY** would have to break off sending militarism in to put down protestors, because **the heart of the EU** is to **respect human rights** and **be democratic**.

Free-trade talks starting July 8 represent an oligarchy form of global trade world governance. Oligarchy is undemocratic. The Oligarch signals the end of sovereign nations. The Oligarch may diminish human rights and increase the four major international crimes. The four major crimes of global prime concern are human trafficking, plant trafficking, drug trafficking, and weapons trafficking. A global plantation may increase indentured servitude and the exploitation of all natural resources. The **free-trade agreements** may be commencement of the world being but one country without borders. But **world unity based on commerce, not compassion**, will do more harm than good. It is a false foundation because a universal one-size-fits-all solution is worse than the problem. The **Dali Lama** has blown the whistle saying that the planet is being ruined and there should be no freedom to hurt Nature.

What's with the Fish, the Krill, and the Whale

"Experts plan new tests in Ashland fish die-off" by **Mark Freeman**. What abruptly killed about 100 fish in a third of a mile stretch on June 23, in lower **Ashland Creek**. The dead fish were found below the city's wastewater treatment plant. The **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's fish pathology lab** is trying to figure out the fish die-off.

(June 26, MAIL TRIBUNE, "**Experts plan new tests in Ashland fish die-off**" by Mark Freeman)

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION oceanographer **Bill Peterson** and **CALIFORNIA SEA GRANT EXTENSION** scientist **Joe Tyburezy** can only guess why for the past few weeks millions of the krill that are that are foundational to the eco-system of the ocean have been beached along the Pacific Coast of Northern California and Southern Oregon.

There's also been a beached dead whale in **BROOKINGS, OREGON**.

For over a year the **ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**, and **HAWAII** coasts have been getting *tsunami debris* that's drifting across the **PACIFIC OCEAN** from the devastating earthquake that was causative to the **FUKUSHIMA** nuclear disaster event two-years ago.

The first confirmed *tsunami debris* from **FUKUSHIMA** washed ashore near **CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA** in early April. The barnacle-encrusted small boat was a skiff from **Takata High School** in **RIKUZENTAKATA, JAPAN**, one of the Japanese communities that was ravaged.

Since then an increasing amount of debris swept away from **JAPAN** is hitting **CALIFORNIA Humboldt County** and **OREGON Del Norte County** beaches.

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Monitoring of those two shorelines is coordinated by the **CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION** in conjunction with the **NORTHCOAST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER** for quarterly shoreline cleanup events. The next *Coastal Cleanup Day* is Saturday, September 21 and is part of a **"GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION FOR TRASH-FREE SEAS"**. If you want to be part of the beach monitoring team, email marinedebris@youmecnec.org or call 707.822.6918. Sign up today.

(June 29, MAIL TRIBUNE, **"Scientists puzzled by massive krill loss"** by Jeff Barnard, and June 29, MAIL TRIBUNE **"Beached whale will decompose on beach"** by the Associated Press, and ECONeWS, **"Confirmed Japan Tsunami Debris Washes Ashore on the North Coast"** by Dan Ehresman, www.facebook.com/EcoNews.NEC)

The Problem with Nuclear Energy

FUKUSHIMA, JAPAN is the most contaminated nuclear site in the world. The emergency crisis is expected to last decades but if the plutonium in the fourth reactor pool catches fire, the meltdown will be 85 times worse than Chernobyl. The pace of work to contain the reactor pool on the exposed platform cannot match the urgency of the threat. 100 tons of radioactive water has already spilled into the ground. THE UNDERWATER BARRIERS THAT WERE SEPARATING THE PLATFORM STRUCTURE FROM THE OCEAN HAVE SPLIT. . The consequences of inaction are potentially catastrophic. **Radioactivity was measured to be eight times higher in June than in May.**

Nobody likes to search for Geiger counters and iodine but MUNICIPALITIES should be daily checking the municipal water supplies for radioactivity. Conscious food retailers like Whole Foods should be testing the radioactivity levels of food. Radioactivity in the air falls onto the grass that cows eat. Children drink the milk. How will world citizens react to the chaos and suffering if millions have to evacuate. Where would nuclear refugees go. Would you go to the far side of the U.S.A. or to South America. If you live in **HAWAII, JAPAN**, or on the **PACIFIC COAST**, it might behoove you to read the book, **SILENCE DEAFENING Fukushima Fallout A Mother's Response** by **Kimberly Roberson**.

The PACIFIC NORTHWEST is also endangered by America's most contaminated nuclear site in **HANFORD, WASHINGTON**. **Its expired holding tank also has increasing radioactivity level.**

The U.S.A. has no place to dump its accumulating radioactive waste, so it stores two-thirds of all its high-level nuclear waste at **HANFORD** in aging holding tanks. The **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY** uses denial strategy about the public-safety health risk of this **NUCLEAR DUMP** site. The environmental watchdog called **HANFORD CHALLENGE** in **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON** says that *groundwater is already contaminated* from nuclear leakage. But the Obama administration's climate-action plan calls for additional nuclear power. The next **Nuclear Security Summit** is not until 2014 in the **NETHERLANDS**. Stay alert and view the 14-minute film entitled **"The Medical and Environmental Consequences of Nuclear War"** by <http://www.indepthnews.info>.

(March 5 THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, **"Next Steps in Reducing Nuclear Risks"** by Shultz, Perry, Kissinger, and Nunn; ECONeWS published by the Northcoast Environmental Center. www.facebook.com/EcoNews.NEC; and the June 24 MAIL TRIBUNE, **"Hanford Tank May be Leaking Toxic Waste into Soil"** by Shannon Dininn)

Reversing Disorder

On a global scale humanity must recalibrate the method for reversing disorder. **Vine Delora** was an indigenous thinker who envisioned the future. He taught that **"Man"** must come to understand lovingkindness to all living things by listening to the animals, to the birds, to the voices of the places of the land, and to the trees. The contemporary burdens are self-created by humankind. The recovery of natural perspective depends upon bringing eco-gladdness to the planet. Bringing lovingkindness and happiness to the eco-system's natural elements will transform society on a global scale. The normality of the natural world is available and omnipresent and its restoration brings humanity harmony. But first, in order to find peace with Nature, *past beliefs and notions must be ushered out.*

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Good-bye Old, Hello New

Twitter's Vine smartphone app shoots and posts-clips of up to six-seconds and **Facebook's Instagram photo-sharing app** are methods for posting direct, lively little snap-shots clips for the July 24 global videographer event that **Mike Adams** is promoting at www.NaturalNews.tv. Monsanto is merely the symbolic representation of the Old Paradigm of the past 2,500 years Age of Pisces being ushered out, the day before the Harmonic Convergence on July 25 and July 26, ushering in the New Paradigm Age of Aquarius for the next 2,500 years. Humankind loves celebrations.

Animoto and **Magisto** services enable photos and video-clip upload for stylized themes with either your own music, or their licensed music, that can be put into the video for a professional effect. Both video storage servers work on **Android or iPhone** and videographers can send their video links to family and friends, faith communities, society groups, and to Facebook, Twitter, and other social networks. The storage services can be tried out in a **Web browser** and via **iPhone apps** and offer more perks than **Vine** or **Instagram**. It's now entirely possible for lay videographers to easily create short video ads.

Specifically, **Animoto** has greater customized capacity, if more videography control is desired, and videographers can add text frames with a choice of 44 styles, but it takes more interfacing. What a deal for just \$5 a month or \$30 a year.

Magisto has a FREE version and is simpler to use with fewer bells and whistles than **Animoto** as only 11-themes are offered. Yet the service enables color change to monochromatic, panning, and zooming in to photos. Important parts can be repeated or frozen to look and sound like a photo is being snapped. Paid versions cost the same \$5 a month as Animoto, but only \$18 a year. Avoid the **iPhone** version of **Magisto** because the video effectiveness is blocked by a very big vendor's pop-up ad.

iMovie runs 15 to 20-minutes as a more traditional digital video if you can put in time editing.

(July 3 THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL ran an article, "Ways to Edit Videos To Be Not Too Long and Not Too Short" by Walter Mossberg. Mossberg@wsj.com, www.walt.althingsd.com, or watch a video review at www.WSJ.com/PersonalTech)

GMO Federal Biosafety Considerations

The Jackson County DEMOCRATIC PARTY has stepped in last week to sponsor **Professor Ramon J. Seidler, PhD. Microbiology**, along with other special guest speakers for a public forum in **MEDFORD, OREGON**, public library. Dr. Seidler is available for consultation about Biosafety of GMO's and his contact information is rayseidler@msn.com. He resides in **ASHLAND, OREGON**. You may invite him for a public speaking engagement on the topic of "Bacterial Pathogens and the Science of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's)".

Dr. Seidler is a former Microbiology Professor at **Oregon State University** and Retired Senior Research Microbiologist with the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**. He twice received **U.S. EPA Bronze Medal for research service** to the EPA. He was appointed to **Promotion and Review Board** for all EPA environmental senior scientists' promotions to GS14/15 levels.

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He is an elected *Fellow* with the **American Academy for Microbiology**. He is listed in the **International Biographical Centre of CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND** as one of the **2,000 outstanding World Scientists of the 20th century**. He is elected **Phi Kappa Phi** honorary, listed in **Who's Who in Science and Engineering**, and listed in **Who's Who in the World**. He is author and co-author of over 150 scientific peer reviewed publications, and co-author of three books.

During his career **Dr. Seidler** studied methodology development to evaluate and predict the survival, multiplication, gene exchange, effects, and dispersal of **recombinant organisms (GMO's)**, utilization of molecular and classical techniques to evaluate effects of climate change on the soil food web and rhizosphere components in controlled microcosms, and the origins of health significance of pathogens in surface and drinking water and in industrial and agricultural environments. After devoting a lifetime of research into the subject, he has concluded that GMO's have more **drawbacks** than usefulness, so why use them because their drawbacks outweigh any benefit:

- *Animals, fish, insects, plants, algae microorganisms, bacterial microorganisms, fungi microorganisms, and viral microorganisms* are re-combined into new life forms;
- Scientists call the new life forms "Recombinant organisms", popularly known as GMO's;
- The GMO's are merging of species;
- The merged species would *never* have occurred in Nature;
- The new life forms cannot be unmerged;
- In the case of GMO plants, **plasmid** is changed into **AGROBACTERIUM** in order to be patented, for money;
- An example of a merged species is putting **Arctic Flounder (fish)** gene into a **California tomato**;
- The recombinant organisms are new life forms that are irreversible and permanent;
- Monitoring and regulating isn't being done;
- The reason it isn't being done is because the bio-creators use biosafety denial tactics;
- GMO crop **yields** are merely comparable but **no better**;
- **Superweeds** do occur;
- Use of **chemical biocides** are **elevated** because of the rise in superweeds;
- **Cross-pollination** does occur;
- GMO export issues are an **economic drawback**;
- There are significant **legal actions** against GMO's;
- There are **Federal Biosafety Considerations**.

Ending the Truth Embargo

There are credible scientists who are opposed to GMO cultivation, and for substantial scientific reasons. World citizens who learn the FACTS may well wonder if concealment of the evidence shrouds bio-terrorism upon humankind. If all governments were transparent about disclosure, the world would be a better place for the human race. The day is coming when people will refuse to be enemies and will refuse to war upon the earth, that Great Mother of us all. While we await love, joy, and peace on earth, it is worth learning that a GMO rose is a GMO rose, regardless of what it is called. By whatever name you know it, GMO's are something alien to earth's natural laws of existence. Refuse to allow all the phraseology to discombobulate you. It's easy to become spiritually awake.

America's Amber Waves of Grain

The **U.S.A.** is the biggest global exporter of wheat. Demand remains low for U.S.A. winter wheat harvest for two-months running, in **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**, because of the MON71800 Event in **OREGON**.

ASIA imports about a third of the world's wheat, or about 40 million tons yearly, and gets it mainly from the U.S.A.

JAPAN is still refusing U.S.A. white wheat. **AUSTRALIA** is their number two wheat supplier. **Toru Hisazome**, leader of the **Farm Ministry in JAPAN** regards **U.S. Department of Agriculture** denialism as a temporary report, rather than a final one.

SOUTH KOREA is still refusing both U.S.A. western white and soft white wheat. The **Korea Flour Mills Industrial Association** disregards the USDA report, and awaits **Korean government Food Ministry** test results instead.

CHINA does not want OREGON wheat, because of concerns over the **MON71800 Event in Oregon** in May, but is alright with purchasing 1.5 million tons of cheap soft red winter wheat grown elsewhere in the U.S.A. , because rains hurt the Chinese wheat harvest.

The **Bureau of Plant Industry** in **MANILA, PHILLIPPINES** imports 4 million tons of mainly U.S.A. wheat annually and is still okay with U.S.A. wheat.

(June 27 OREGON LEGAL JOURNAL, "Wheat saga update: Asia wheat buyers fret even as US says gene-altered strain isolated" by Meeyoung Cho, SEOUL/TOKYO, June 17 Reuters)

Oregon Senate Bill 633

Senate Bill 633 that claimed counties could not be stricter than the state was removed from the agenda at 5 p.m. the day it was scheduled for a hearing in the Rules Committee and never made it to the floor.

Measure 15-119 on the Event Horizon

Jackson County Measure 15-119 in OREGON will ban GMO cultivation except for medical research in a closed laboratory. The problem with putting **FEDERAL BIOSAFETY CONSIDERATIONS** to the popular vote is that the voters are largely ignorant of the scientific FACTS and it will take considerable effort to educate them about the scientific research data. Big Money came in and told a lot of nonsense that defeated *Proposition 37* in CALIFORNIA, but don't let their twitter de dumb cost *Measure 15-119* in OREGON. Please pass the **Eco-Community Dialogue Newsletters** forward to your elected officials and help get the word out to your family and friends.

Orders to Clean Up Portland Harbor

Because of necessary compliance with orders to clean up the **Portland Harbor**, the new **ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP ASSISTANCE ACT** makes certain that insurance policyholders can settle legitimate environmental claims against their ship builder and riverside industries. These companies must clean up their pollution of the lower **Willamette River** and become environmentally conscious.

Governor Kitzhaber signed the new list of *unfair* environmental claims settlement practices, giving a private right of action to policyholders to pursue more ways to get funding when insurance companies dispute claims. Cleanup efforts will have to be funded by holding the insurance companies accountable for their coverage of the policyholders.

(Source: June 27, OREGON LEGAL JOURNAL, "Largest change in Oregon insurance law in recent memory signed into law" press release.)

What Else Was Patented

What will Big Money change next, after the food and groundwater supplies. Oh, maybe the air. Do you suppose the contrails could be patented Chem trails, or not. If the question has ever entered your mind, or not, next time you look up into the sky and see the whatever, go to the **U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE website** and type in **patent number 5,003,186**. Now isn't that interesting. Or, just click <http://patft.uspto.gov/netahtml/srchnum.htm>. Reduction of global warming by **Stratospheric Welsbach seeding** only treats the symptom, not the cause. What about www.willthomas.net.

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Lawsuit Filed Against the FDA, the USDA, and the FDC

A lawsuit was co-filed by the **Animal Legal Defense Fund** and **Compassion Over Killing**, against the **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)** and against two agencies within the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)**, and against the **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)** for failing to regulate animal welfare labeling on egg cartons. Nearly 300 million egg-laying hens in battery cages have no bird protection laws.

Petitions had been submitted to these agencies in 2006 and 2007 requesting that egg production methods must include clear ID of eggs from caged hens, that full disclosure of that FACT must be on all US egg cartons. These agencies failed to take regulatory action against misleading egg carton claims and deceptive egg carton imagery, despite Congressional mandates. The US egg industry's trade association, **United Egg Producers**, has endorsed federal legislation for a similar labeling program because US consumers deserve truth in egg-labeling.

(Summer 2013 COMPASSIONATE ACTION magazine, "COK co-files egg labeling lawsuit against federal agencies")

The Threshold Was Crossed

The threshold of 400 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has now been crossed. Planet earth has not had such a crisis in over two million years.

Ignorance, disregard, and profit must cease to be what Man values as most important. The *warming of the oceans and global melt* highlight the need to **protect and restore remaining wilderness** areas. Man's relationship with Mother Earth must be restored. The *changing climate* demands that fossil fuels be kept in the ground. Humankind must restore our relationship with water. We must bring back free-flowing **rivers**.

San Clemente Dam is the largest dam removal so far, in **CALIFORNIA**. The final permit was granted. Deconstruction will begin in August. Hopefully the removal of the **Klamath River dams** will also be realized soon.

(June/July ENEWS, "400 parts per What?" and "Damn the Dams! Bring Back Free-flowing Rivers", www.facebook.com/EcoNews.NEC)

Dearth in Central California's Giant Farm Belt

In March the **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation** downsized the regulatory water allotment to CENTRAL CALIFORNIA to only 20% of its contracted NORTHERN CALIFORNIA supplies of water because the mountain snow-pack was 52% of its normal average according to surveys by the **California Department of Water Resources**. CALIFORNIA cotton crops will shrink 24% this year because Big Agriculture in CENTRAL CALIFORNIA does not work without imported water from the state's mountains in NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. In other words the giant farm belt must largely go fallow. But MEXICO and other growing areas are expected to fill the gap so that U.S. food prices may not be affected much.

(June 27 THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL, "California Farm Belt Shrivels, dry winters and water rationing force output cuts, and test fragile regional economy" by Jim Carlton)

A Community in Peril

The largest hazardous-waste dump in the Western U.S.A. is near **KETTLEMAN CITY, CALIFORNIA**, managed by **Chemical Waste Management Inc.** 10.7 million cubic yards of hazardous waste is dumped there and regulators have fined the owners repeatedly for waste disposal and other impropriety and citizens implicate the hazardous dump for **birth defects**.

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Since the owners are in denial over the dump's causation of the community's birth defects, the **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL** has already issued a permit to allow the owners a major expansion of another 5 million cubic yards of hazardous landfill near the community, despite community objections.

(July 3 THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL, "California. Hazardous-Waste Dump Gets Nod From Regulators")

India Declares Food as a Human Right

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, of **INDIA**, pushed through the **NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY LAW** by executive order while Parliament was in recess. *INDIA has added the RIGHT TO FOOD* to India's other human rights such as equality of all citizens and free speech.

The Indian government will spend \$4 billion or more annually to distribute grains to about 70% of its 1.2 billion population, according to the July 5 WALLSTREET JOURNAL, "**Government Orders Ambitious Food-Aid Move.**"

Dietary Sea Change Coming

According to the ROGUE VALLEY PRESS, "**Environmental Terrorism Bill Targets Activists**", two OREGON bills, **HB 2595** and **HB 2596**, passed the House and is on its way to the Senate, along with terrorist slurs, that in the past would have been considered character assassination.

It's a bullies' kindergarten these days with the word "*terrorists*" being tossed around like a ball on a child's playground. Does anyone remember that Tree Huggers are NOT anyone that brought down the Twin Towers.

Domestic terrorism slurs against American citizens may trace back to a few years ago when *former President Bush* era pushed through the "**Animal Enterprise Terrorist Act**" with a few members of Congress during the time frame of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA wild fires when the national attention was distracted by the burning inferno. The bill became law for protectionism of Big Money's cattle industry. However, now that the planet has surpassed 400 parts per million of **carbon dioxide** in the atmosphere, such a dumb law needs to be revoked, because in a recent report the **UN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**, the UN has asked the developed nations to *cut meat production in half*.

The UN, like the Dalai Lama, is an environmental whistle-blower. It takes moral fiber to put federal provisions in place to ban and restrict meat consumption. But it would solve a lot more of the world's problems, than not. Global compliance with the UN's request will decrease pollution from animal waste, save of money, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Loma Linda University studied the diets of 96,000 SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS. The study concluded that and found that **Vegetarians produce 27.8 percent fewer greenhouse gases** than omnivores, and the same study found that Seventh-day Adventists who are **Vegans produce 41.7 percent fewer greenhouse gases** than omnivores.

Loma Linda is one of the world's "*blue zones*" where there are an uncommonly large number of centenarians. The longevity of the area's Seventh-Day Adventists is famous. Besides longevity, their plant-based diet is meritorious for its low carbon footprint.

Spreading Compassion and Lovingkindness

Films have documented the abusive treatment of "*farmed animals*" inside factory farms and slaughter houses. Video footage has led to criminal convictions of animal cruelty, slaughter plant shutdowns, and serious food safety concerns that have prompted meat recall. Polls show overwhelming public opposition to Big Money's attempt to stop Americans from knowing the cruelties kept hidden behind the closed doors of animal agribusiness. "*Ag-Gag*" Bills were introduced in ten states this year, but none of the bills passed.

IOWA and **UTAH** are the only two states that previously passed anti-whistle blower "**Ag-Gag**" bills into law. They are the two largest egg and pork producer states.

Things are getting better due to brave videographers. Hollywood's famous **GENESIS AWARDS** hosted by the **Humane Society of the U.S.A.** honors the media's role in raising awareness about animal rights.

This year **ABC World News** with **Diane Sawyer** was honored in several news categories for reporting, "**Plant Closed by USDA Supplied Beef for In-N-Out Burger**" featuring undercover investigation inside a dairy cow slaughter plant in **CALIFORNIA**. The **USDA** shut down that facility after video footage by *Compassion Over Killing* was aired on ABC.

KTLA-TV was also honored for its "**Hatchery Hell**" report of *Compassion Over Killing* undercover investigation inside **Cal-Cruz Hatcheries** in **CALIFORNIA**. After KTLA-TV aired video footage by *Compassion Over Killing*, the chicken and duck hatchery ceased all operations.

(Summer 2013 COMPASSIONATE ACTION magazine, "*Blowing the Whistle on Ag-Gag Legislation*" and "ABC World News Report on COK Investigation Wins a Genesis Award")

An Appeal for Wilderness Mercy

KS Wild, Oregon Wild, The Center for Biological Diversity and Cascadia Wild-lands joined *Soda Mountain Wilderness Council* last year in filing two separate lawsuits against the **U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** to stop timber sales, asserting scientific claim for natural habitat expansion in the area near the **Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument**.

In each lawsuit the five plaintiffs implicate the BLM for non-compliance with the **National Environmental Protection Agency** and with the **Federal Land Policy and Management Act** requirements for enough environmental analysis.

U.S. District Judge Panner had dismissed the plaintiffs' case against the BLM, so the five conservation groups led by *Soda Mountain Wilderness Council* filed an appeal in **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**, with the **Ninth District U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals**. An injunction was issued by the Appeal Court, in June, blocking the BLM timber sale near **ASHLAND, OREGON**. The Appeals Court has not yet made a ruling on the case.

(July 5 Ashland DAILY TIDINGS, "*Injunction blocks BLM timber sale near Ashland*" by Sam Wheeler)

Fracking Moratorium Bills

CALIFORNIA passed the state **Assembly's Natural Resources Committee's** AB 1301(Bloom), AB1323 (Mitchell), and AB 649 (Nazarian) bills for fracking moratoriums on to the **California Assembly Appropriations Committee**. The public is standing firm to ban fracking in CALIFORNIA.

You might want to watch the new **GASLAND 2** documentary, by filmmaker Josh Fox. *It's a fracking expose*. Californians across the state are speaking out for a fracking ban.

(June/July EONEWS, "*Get the Frack out of California*", www.yournec.org)

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Update on the MON71800 Event in Oregon

Consumers in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan oppose GMO's. Up to 90 percent of the PACIFIC NORTHWEST soft white wheat is exported to Asia. Japan is the PACIFIC NORTHWEST's biggest importer of wheat.

Japan received shipments of 1.2 million tons of U.S. wheat of multiple varieties, and kept grain import samples from October 2012 to May 2013. Japan has now tested its retained samples. Japan's own testing of U.S. wheat from that time frame has turned out to be GMO-free.

The Japanese agricultural officials want complete disclosure from the U.S. government regarding the MON71800 event regarding the GMO wheat that was found growing in an EASTERN OREGON field, in May 2013.

Vince Peterson, Vice-President of Overseas Operations for the **U.S. WHEAT ASSOCIATES** based in VIRGINIA, U.S.A. claimed Japan may be satisfied by the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service** tests that assert the MON71800 event was isolated.

After meeting with the industry groups in PORTLAND, OREGON, the **Japanese agricultural officials** are headed to WASHINGTON, D.C.

(July 16, The WALLSTREET JOURNAL, Business Section, "Tests on wheat ease Japanese concerns" by Eric Mortenson, THE OREGONIAN.)

Millions of Products Coming Off the Shelves

Some of **the world's biggest food brands** were found guilty of **misrepresenting horsemeat as "beef"** earlier this year. Thanks to IRISH food inspectors who used *DNA testing of frozen ground beef patties*, BELGIUM, FRANCE, and the UNITED KINGDOM discovered packaged kebabs, lasagna, and spaghetti Bolognese labeled "beef" were fraudulent. The EUROPEAN frozen foods leader is the IGLO Group that owns BIRDS EYE. WALMART owns ASDA and about 18 million consumers a week shop at ASDA. According to VEGNEWS magazine the brands that sold horsemeat as beef are: ALDI, ASDA, BIRDS EYE, BURGER KING, COMPASS, ICELAND, IGLO, IKEA, NESTLE, MAKRO, TACO BELL, MORRISONS, SODEXO, TESCO, and WHITBREAD.

(July/August 2013 VEGNEWS, "VegNow Food Health Environment Animals Everything Vegan")

Box Office Feature Film, "The East"

A PG-13 Feature film, **"The East,"** has hit the box office cinemas. It's a fictitious movie about how the "A-list" of Big Money corporations can afford to hire a top-secret *Private Intelligence firm* for their cover. The movie exposes the folly of bio-terrorism, while informing the public about a lack of corporate disclosure and transparency in regards to public-safety issues.

In the movie a young undercover spy operative is assigned to infiltrate a younger generation eco-activist group who call themselves **"The East"**. Sarah Moss, the intelligence firm's infiltrator, is sent to foil their plans. Her exposure affects her sensibilities. She remains the brave because no matter how wrong something is, two wrongs don't make a right. The eco-vengeance group gets busted, and Sarah goes her way.

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Follow the Documentary Trail

Knowledge is key to understanding the ecological perils to the planet's eco-system of which all sentient beings, including humankind, are a part. Viewing the flagship documentary films being produced by courageous filmmakers helps to put the corporate hidden issues out on the table for public-safety discussion. There are federal bio-safety considerations. You can watch the GMO documentary, **SEEDS OF DEATH**, that entered the movie marketplace in December 2012, at the following link:

<http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/seeds-death/>

You may also view an earlier documentary **BITTER SEEDS**, a true story about the GMO farmers in **INDIA** who went bankrupt and committed suicide by the millions. It is the backdrop as to why **INDIA**, as a nation, brought significant lawsuit against **MONSANTO** for **bio-piracy**. You can watch the film at:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/zester-dail/bitter-seeds-film_b_1902221.html

Empty Harvest

A book written in 1992 that becomes more relevant with each passing year is **EMPTY HARVEST**, and if you read it as a book discussion group, that would be wonderful. It was co-authored by the famous researcher of centenarians, Bernard Jensen.

Green-Certified is Oregon's Leading Edge

OREGON TILTH drafted the U.S.A.'s first "**Standards and Procedures**" for organic production in 1982.

As a state, OREGON also led the nation in 1997 when the **PACIFIC RIVERS COUNCIL** designed "**Salmon-Safe**" a farming certification that requires watershed protection.

Then in 1999 OREGON was where the very first program in the U.S.A. began to certify vineyards for eco-friendly agricultural practices. The **LOW INPUT VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY (LIVE) program** began certifying winegrowers who adopted carbon offsets, composting, dry farming, and solar panels. See www.twitter.com/kcoleuncorked and www.youtube.com/kcoleuncorked.

The Goose that Lays the Golden Eggs

Why does the federal **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** want to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. When tourists look up at a summer night sky, do you think they want to have day memories of seeing clear-cutting and logging of the ancient public forests. No. To do that would cook OREGON'S goose. OREGON TOURISM depends upon spectacular scenery destinations. **To do clear-cutting and logging of the ancient trees is the exactly the same as killing the goose that lays the golden tourism egg.**

Just like **SWITZERLAND** protects its Alps so that people will choose to make their home near **the Matterhorn**, so also must Oregonians protect the spectacular forests that still stand intact. Think of what is quintessentially Swiss TOURISM. Now think of what is quintessentially Ashland, OREGON. Ashland, OREGON just off Highway I-5 is an entry point that depends on tourism. Ashland is famous for its *Shakespeare Festival*, with its *Elizabethan outdoor theater* and cultural venue. But it needs year-round tourism attractions. The tree-lined streets of Ashland are a destination where people from the big cities come to vacation and experience local cuisine and little mom-and-pop stores that dot across the town. If the **BLM** forests near Ashland are molested tourists will not like it.

The other OREGON entry points that depend on tourism are *Brookings Harbor* on the coast, and across the bridge is *Brookings* by the sea. The two little sea villages just across the CALIFORNIA border as you enter OREGON on highway 101 are becoming popular honeymoon and spa destinations, because of the beautiful *Pacific ocean* and the nearby *Redwoods*. Summertime flowers in bloom attract tourists from the cities to come hike, to picnic in *Azalea Park*, and to attend art walks and arts festivals. Like in Ashland, the tourists want bike paths, hiking trails, and boat rides on the nearby rivers and streams.

Tourism in all of SOUTHWESTERN OREGON depends upon placing great importance on local, organic farming. Tourists attract to places where there is a deep sense of eating and drinking what the land produces. People come to experience organic cuisine and wine vineyards. Tourists want spa resorts, and open markets that showcase bountiful local produce. Tourists want to stroll through local farmers' markets and pick up juicy berries, fresh-baked crusty bread, or grapes to enjoy. Pristine lakes, mountain vistas, and *fresh food* are at the very heart of this SOUTHWESTERN OREGON land of breathtaking natural beauty. Then why ruin it for tourism.

Show Consideration to Small Farms

The U.S. CONGRESS seems to be putting the federal **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)** greed for profit ahead of what's in the best interest of the public. SOUTHWESTERN OREGON's clean water, scenic views, and healthy natural environment are in danger of exploitation. Clean water and ancient forests is why tourists find SOUTHWESTERN OREGON worth visiting.

Thinning small trees around large trees is useful in forests to reduce wildfire danger. But clearcutting and logging ancient trees increases the risk of wildfire. There is already enough clearcutting and use of herbicides on the big Timber Industry's forests, without the feds doing it also. **The federal BLM has proposed clearcutting and logging the old-growth trees, which harms stream buffers.**

Farmland crops are adjacent to, or near the forests. Farming in the *Applegate River* and *Rogue* valleys is vital to the local economy. When their water quality is threatened, it distresses vineyards and vegetable farms. When clean water and healthy environment to grow food is jeopardized by the feds, then constituents get upset. It aggravates constituents when the federal government wants to endanger their local clean water, recreation, tourism, and wildlife habitat. SOUTHWESTERN OREGONIANS are annoyed that elected officials would even consider policy changes that would destroy the landscape, for Big Money. Constituents are protective of their local and organic farmers.

Senator Wyden chairs the **SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**. Therefore, 30-family farms got together in *Jackson County*, OREGON and *Josephine County*, OREGON to mail **U.S. Senator Merkley** and **U.S. Senator Wyden** a July 7 **Letter of Complaint** about the injustice of the federal BLM's proposal that shows disregard for clean water, recreation, tourism, and wildlife habitat.

You may want to call **Senator Wyden** to request he protect the **public forests** now and for the future. His Portland office is 503.326.7525 or his Washington DC office is 202.224.5244. Or write him a message asking him to uphold the **ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT** and the **CLEAN WATER ACT** because it is shortsighted to clear-cut and to log ancient trees. It steals the existence of enough wilderness remaining on earth, from the next generations. The ancient trees are protective of SOUTHWESTERN OREGON's beautiful streams and rivers.

(July 12 Ashland DAILY TIDINGS, "*Farmers warn senators about over-logging*", by Paul Fattig)

A National Movement in Italy

CALIFORNIA and OREGON are not the only places where world citizens have public-safety issues. In *Tuscany*, ITALY three-million ITALIANS in 117 municipalities have succeeded in getting 40 incinerators scrapped or else shut down, thanks to one whistle blower, **Rossano Ercolini**, an elementary school teacher. He blew the whistle by educating the public about the dangers of incinerators. Now Zero Waste is a national movement in Italy.

If a school teacher in ITALY can succeed in educating the public about the dangers of incinerators, perhaps some elementary school teachers in lumber mill towns in OREGON could start to do the same, for the health and wellbeing of the U.S. school children who have to breathe dioxin-laden air. The federal **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY** needs to be reducing the public's exposure to dioxins. See www.epa.gov/dioxin. Carcinogenic dioxins are by-products of the manufacture of some biocides. But they are also by-products of a wide range of other manufacturing processes. **Carcinogenic dioxins are by-products of chlorine bleaching of paper pulp, and of smelting.**

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The encouraging thing is that *Fort Bragg*, a NORTHERN CALIFORNIA coastal town, succeeded in transforming itself from a lumber mill town into a tourist attraction. If *Fort Bragg* can do it, so can *Brookings Harbor*, the village of *Brookings*, *Medford*, and other economically depressed lumber-mill towns. Nothing is so certain as a new idea in the mind.

(June/July EONEWS, "Rossano Ercolini, Italy", www.yournec.org, and the May/June issue of the magazine, MOTHER EARTH LIVING, "Home Safer Places".)

Syngenta AG's Walk Out Event

SYNGENTA AG is a big GMO bio-tech industry corporation that has endangered the local and organic farmers in OREGON, by planting 30 to 40 GMO-seed locations in *Jackson County*, and the company wouldn't disclose where. SYNGENTA AG WALKED OUT of the **Southern Oregon Seed Growers Association** on June 4. Their leaving the negotiation talks with local farmers was startling. By the next weekend their two GMO sugar beet test plots in and nearby to Ashland were pulled on June 8 and June 11, according to SYNGENTA's hired workers. The multi-billion dollar corporation wishes to claim about \$1 million in loss. But federal authorities on the case have named no suspects.

SYNGENTA crops are outlawed in SWITZERLAND and GERMANY, where the company is based. Several of the other EUROPEAN UNION states have additionally banned the **SYNGENTA** GMO seeds from being planted in their soil. GMO-growers in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, and SPAIN have had their GMO oilseed rape, GMO grapevines, and GMO corn crops destroyed by protestors in those European countries. It's hard to say who did it.

If GMO is in the pollen, it produces GMO-seed cross-contamination, according to weed scientist, *Carol Mallory-Smith*, of **OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY**. She asserts that alleged "health claims" made by GMO growers are unproven. Organic growers have zero tolerance for GMO cross pollination because of the degree of harm the GMO threat is to their plants. GMO-seed plants cross-pollinate, thus ruining local and organic family farms. *Organic farmers are influential players in the Rogue Valley.*

(July 16, THE OREGONIAN, "GMO beet crops sow anger" by Kimberly A.C. Wilson)

Californians Against Fracking

Dan Jacobson of **ENVIRONMENT CALIFORNIA** warns that Big Oil has its sights on **CALIFORNIA where fracking is unregulated and unmonitored by the state**. But fracking uses massive volumes of water mixed with toxic chemicals to release gas and oil from *blasted rock*. The air pollutants from fracking are causative to the cancer and respiratory ailments suffered by citizens living near fracked wells.

Big Oil wants to frack shale oil from the **LA Basin** to the **Salinas Valley** and **Monterey area**. Water sources are vital to productive farmland. Urban municipalities and wildlife habitat are in danger.

Because of the public-safety issues that fracking poses to CALIFORNIA communities and to the state's natural resources, more than 100 groups came together to form **CALIFORNIANS AGAINST FRACKING**. **Los Angeles** and **San Francisco** simultaneously held rallies, and gathered more than 100,000 signatures on petitions to ban fracking, which were delivered to **Governor Jerry Brown**.

(June/July 2013 EONEWS, "Protests Urge Governor Brown to Ban Fracking", WWW.yournec.org , www.facebook.com/CaliforniansAgainstFracking)

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The Principle of Western Law

In OREGON **"The principle of Western Law"** is first come, first served. Nearly forty-years of ranchers' litigation has concluded with a judicial decision that upholds the **OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT** irrigation water shut off to Upper Klamath basin hay pastures. The Klamath Indian tribal group holds the overriding seniority water rights during water shortages. (July 17, DAILY TIDINGS, "Judge rules against upper Klamath Basin ranchers".)

20 Nations and the LA Unified School District

SOUTH AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, and ISRAEL are among the 20-nations who have embraced the nationwide "Meatless Mondays" program. CALIFORNIA's LA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT serves 650,000 meals every school day and has adopted the "Meatless Monday" program. (May-June VEGNEWS, "Location: Israel")

Update on the European Commission

What was surprising is that this week the LOS ANGELES TIMES announced that the seed-maker **PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL INC.** from Johnston, IOWA had sued the **EC** for its not granting their company's crops a fast-track approval.

The LOS ANGELES TIMES on Friday, July 19, confirmed in its report, "Monsanto pulls bid to grow more GMO crops in Europe" that on Thursday MONSANTO's European spokesman, **Brandon Mitchener**, reiterated that **eight of nine** applications with the **EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC)** shall be **withdrawn** by MONSANTO Because their application requests went nowhere for several years due to the company's obstacles with European politics.

The article didn't identify what MONSANTO's pending ninth crop application is, but one wonders who in the EC **"Food Safety Agency"** would give it the green light "go". Won't Europeans feel chagrined with the EC for letting MONSANTO keep a big toe in the door, because **GERMANY, ITALY, and FRANCE** are among the nation states with **GMO bans in place** and their public opinion over GMO crops is that of **INTENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**.

(Source: July 19 MAIL TRIBUNE, "Farmers seek more scrutiny on Monsanto crops" by Georgina Gustin, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH)

India Rejects Monsanto Plant Patent

On July 5, *Honorable Justice Prabha Sridevi*, Chair of the INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY APPELLATE BOARD OF INDIA and *Honorable Shri DPS Parmar*, technical member, dismissed MONSANTO COMPANY's appeal and rejected MONSANTO plant patent. (Source is Twitter. See www.Follow@SustainablePuls)

Farm Pesticide Murdered Kids

How horrible that two-dozen Indian schoolchildren were fed poison in their elementary school lunch program in Gandaman, BIHAR INDIA a few days ago. It seems the cooking oil may have been polluted with ORGANOPHOSPHORUS PESTICIDE, similar to nerve agents such as SARIN.

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The nearest hospital is in Patna, 65-miles away, where another 23 children from the village school and the cook are hospitalized. Medical Superintendent at the hospital asserts that the *Supreme Court* appointed a midday-meal program overseer in 2001. The government of INDIA provides one free hot meal a day to school children, administered by the **FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA**.

Mr. *Abhayanand*, Chief of Police in Bihar state, informed that forensic experts are investigating the poisoned food. **MONOCROTOPHOS**, a chemical compound, was found by investigators to be on leftover vegetables, on eating utensils, and in a plastic container that stored the mustard oil for cooking.

The **MONOCROTOPHOS** was five-times the strength than the commercial level that it is sold as when it occurs as an ingredient of **ORGANOPHOSPHORUS**, a farm pesticide. It was *highly concentrated*, unlike the **ORGANOPHOSPHORUS** that the investigators obtained from a market in Patna the state capital. Even the fumes can be fatal, and the children were made to eat before the Headmistress, her husband, and another teacher fled. One person has been fired, but there are no arrests.

(July 18, THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL, "*Tainted School Lunch Kills at Least 22 Indian Children*" by Rajesh Roy and Vibhuti Agarwal, Biman Mukherji and Joanna Sugden contributors, July 22 THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL "*Chemical in Indian Meals Found Highly Concentrated*" by Rajesh Roy and Vibhuti Agarwal. NEW DELHI.)

Chemicals Cast a Long Shadow

A good reason to buy GMO-free products is that it not only limits your exposure to biocide residues on fabrics and produce, it helps protect the people who grow food. It's a good reason to think before applying biocides (Pesticides and Herbicides) around your own home, and on your garden and lawn.

The Saga of the Seed Savers

Earlier this year the INDIANA-based "**Save Our Crops Coalition**" successfully petitioned the federal **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)** in demand that the U.S. federal government take a strict stance by performing a stringent "*Environmental Assessment*" and "*Environmental Impact Statement*" regarding MONSANTO's new GMO corn and GMO soybeans because they pose *environmental threats* to the conventional and organic crops of other farms in the neighborhood.

The petition was a show of force of numbers from GMO-free farmers who are worried about possible *volatile toxic drift* of **DICAMBA** and **DOW CHEMICAL 2, 4-D**. **ROUNDUP READY** (Glyphosate) tolerance crops have introduced **Superweeds** so now MONSANTO has applied for approval of its new GMO CORN and new GMO SOYBEANS that are DICAMBA and DOW CHEMICAL 2,4-D tolerant. But an expansion of the number of chemical biocides by MONSANTO poses a problem for the GMO-free farmers in the same vicinities, because **DICAMBA is one of the U.S.A.'s most dangerous bio-poisons and it can harm the neighbors' farms.**

After the INDIANA farmers successfully filed their petition, MONSANTO counter-filed a message to the USDA agency on Wednesday, asking the **USDA** to suspend its review altogether, alleging that the U.S. government's regulatory agency has no such authority over the issue, and further alleging that slowing down MONSANTO's introduction of more products into the public marketplace would harm the (MONSANTO COMPANY's) agricultural economy. But the seed savers want to farm without *their* agricultural economy being harmed, either.

The warrant of the article is that the GMO-free farmers have made a reasonable request for mandatory regulatory review because of the MONSANTO GMO-seed crop safety issues of global prime concern are fearsome to American conventional and organic farmers.

(Source: July 19 MAIL TRIBUNE, "Farmers seek more scrutiny on Monsanto crops" by Georgina Gustin, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH)

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USDA Researcher Exposes GLYPHOSATE Cover-Up

Dr. Kramer blew the whistle on MONSANTO in 2009. He is one of the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE's Agricultural Researchers**. As a microbiologist with the **USDA Agricultural Research Service**, he co-authored one of the *five published research papers* in the October 2009 issue of **THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF AGRONOMY**. His study results were published in EUROPE but suppressed at home in the U.S.A.

Secrets are coming out thanks to the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. It bears repeating that the USDA's very own Researcher, Dr. Kramer, informed EUROPEANS back in 2009 that **MONSANTO Roundup Ready stimulates detrimental soil pathogens**. Roundup contains GLYPHOSATE and GLYPHOSATE is causative to the build-up of **undesirable microbial species in the soil** during the growing seasons.

So why wouldn't the USDA get publicity for his news release here in the U.S.A. MOTHER EARTH NEWS dug deeper to find out in January 2012. It seems that Mr. Kramer and the USDA know that SOIL DAMAGE is likely to increase the longer GLYPHOSATE is used. That's a fact kept covert by the USDA Administration. Mr. Kramer informed that his news release was withheld from U.S. farmers and the American public, by the USDA Administrator that he submitted the news release to.

According to Mr. Kramer, he thinks his news release may still be sitting on someone's desk. Since it received no U.S. publicity it is no wonder, then, that AMERICA remained largely ignorant of what the Europeans know about the GMO's.

According to Mr. Kramer the USDA Administrator does NOT want Mr. Kramer's informant news getting published in the U.S.A. because American farmers are using the MONSANTO technology and the federal USDA Administrative Regulator does NOT want negative findings published about MONSANTO.

It implicates the USDA for keeping the American public dull while continuing to KNOWINGLY ALLOW harmful effects to be carried out by unregulated use of MONSANTO Roundup Ready Glyphosate from 2009 to present. Whether or not there was an alleged News Release, it remains that his article was published in EUROPE and not in AMERICA and the USDA knew of the facts. The USDA's behavior in furtively undermining U.S. farmers four solid years was traitor to our soil. It is a breach of domestic soil protection. Isn't that a federal breach of conduct.

The article claims Mr. Kramer said that sustainable agricultural practices are a steep learning curve. By saying sustainable is a steep learning curve, **it is an admission by Mr. Kramer that US agricultural practices are unsustainable.** On the other hand sustainable natural agricultural practices have been used for millennia without containing any of MONSANTO's list of biocide ingredients. Returning to what's natural is the least expensive and best daily farming practices.

Ask Mr. Kramer if adding more biocides, such as DICAMBA, to the MONSANTO product line-up will make a bad situation worse. He'll tell you that he is also an adjunct professor in the *Division of Plant Sciences* at the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**. Guess what. MISSOURI is now plagued with eight species of Glyphosate-resistant weeds called JOHNSON GRASS that invaded the fields in the aftermath of MONSANTO agricultural practices.

The suppression of accurate agricultural findings is what U.S. farmers don't need. Add Roundup Ready Glyphosate to the MONSANTO bad reputation of DDT and AGENT ORANGE products in their ill repute line-up of biocides. If it were a comic book cartoon it might be a "*Chuckle in Time*" to witness the next two wrinkles on Mother Nature's brow, DICAMBA and DOW 2, 4-D. And, yes, that is an intended pun.

(Sources: Jan 18, 2012 MOTHER EARTH NEWS, "Roundup is Toxic to Good Bacteria in Soil" from The Organic and Non-GMO Report, <http://www.motherearthnews.com/sustainable-farming/roundup-toxic-to-good-bacteria-zwzf1201zhun.aspx> and www.Elenathewise/fotolia.com)

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The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

Among the statutes most feared by companies with global operations, is **THE FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT**. It's a **U.S. Law** that bars U.S. based or U.S. listed companies from bribing foreign officials in exchange for business. It requires them to keep accurate books and records.

The statute means that payments designed to influence a foreign director or official into using his or her power to improperly approve or reject a company's application is seriously against the **U.S. Law**.

Just suppose **THE FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT of 1977** could be applied to U.S. companies with domestic operations within AMERICA. It's the "As without, so within" principle. Maybe it would halt corporate corruption inside jobs, not just abroad.

(Source: July 22, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "Is it a Bribe...or Not?" by Joe Palazzolo in New York, joepalazzolo@wsj.com)

When You Strike Out, You Don't Blame the Umpire

Federal bio-safety considerations should make MONSANTO wonder what it is doing wrong in objecting to "Environmental Assessment" and "Environmental Impact Statements" reviews. There's a little more to agriculture than just trying to push an increase profit margins. Perhaps the reality of legal consequences for behaviors would inspire MONSANTO to commit to change.

The agricultural game is all about fair sportsmanship. How good-natured is MONSANTO COMPANY when their expectations are not placated. MONSANTO made it cutthroat on the playing field, and that treatment of other farmers is unacceptable and it must stop. A troubled MONSANTO might like to blame the Umpire, but that behavior is unacceptable because everyone needs to take responsibility for his or her own failings.

Maybe MONSANTO doesn't have the desire to do the composting work necessary to improve the soil. Perhaps agriculture might not be of interest to MONSANTO. Perhaps MONSANTO COMPANY should try some other field that the MEGA CHEMICAL industry might enjoy more than farming.

Southern Oregon's Seed Growers

A new OREGON Coalition calls itself the "**Southern Oregon Seed Growers Association**" (**SOSGA**) and is presided over by *Chuck Burr*. Their goal is to create a confidential crop map using the pinning system. The OREGON non-profit was organized with the help of the **SOUTHERN OREGON RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER**, Central Point staff. Their forum consists of about 30 dues-paying commercial seed growers who claim to be copying the "Columbia Basin Vegetable and Seed Association" and "Willamette Valley Specialty Seed Association" in regards to both genus species and isolation distances required for said genus species.

These SOUTHWESTERN OREGON seed farmers assert they supply over 90-percent of all the vegetable seed companies in the U.S.A. Even though they maintain that seed purity is their top priority their position is to take "No Stand" on GMO's. Isn't that a mind boggle. Does illogical thinking in circles have contagion. Stay tuned to what happens next in the ongoing **Saga of the Seed-Savers**.

(Source: July 16, MAIL TRIBUNE, "Seed Security, by Paul Fattig, www.SOSga.info)

MON71800 Storage in Colorado

On May 31, MONSANTO's website had blog posted a claim that the *U.S. Chemical Giant* was doing its own probe into the MON71800 GMO wheat. Now they seem to be admitting they archived some of it in *St. Louis, MISSOURI*, at their own corporate headquarters. Additionally, MONSANTO's *Thomas Helscher* provided REUTERS with documents to support MONSANTO's claim that the **U.S. government storage facility** kept the MON71800 GMO wheat viable as recently as just a year and a half ago. According to MONSANTO, the MON71800 wheat was confirmed incinerated on January 5, 2012. But the plants were found growing in OREGON in May 2013.

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Peter Bretting heads the center for the **USDA RESEARCH SERVICE**. He asserts that documents show MONSANTO had at least 43 containers of more than 1,000 different "Roundup Ready" wheat varieties sent to the **NATIONAL CENTER FOR GENETIC RESOURCES PRESERVATION** in Fort Collins, COLORADO, late in 2004 and also in early 2005. The MONSANTO contract is dated November 2, 2004.

David Dierig is the research leader at that federal facility and he affirmed the **U.S. federal government** has the expertise to keep seed viable for DECADES, unlike conventional storage facilities that do NOT. Who would have thought the feds were keepers of undercover GMO seeds. Does Norway know theirs is not the only Seed Bank. The GMO's are an enigma shrouded in mystery. Why is it all so secretive.

Ed Curtlett with the USDA claims the federal government is keeping the MON71800 question open. According to Mr. Curtlett the feds may doubt that all the seed was incinerated. The question remains whether or not all the MONSANTO supplies sent to the federal facility in COLORADO have been truly accounted for, because MON71800 was never approved and was supposed to be *tightly controlled*.

(July 11 OREGON LEGAL JOURNAL, "Monsanto unapproved GMO wheat stored in Colorado through 2011" by Carey Gillam, based on June 28 REUTERS)

What about that Federal Data Base

Whatever became of that federal database maintained by VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY that showed ongoing test plots of Monsanto GMO wheat in both HAWAII and NORTH DAKOTA.

According to THE OREGONIAN article on June 5, "Wheat farmers wait out GM Inquiry" Eric Mortenson and Scott Learn had reported that the federal database indicated MONSANTO biotech projects for wheat showed it has continued to develop the Roundup Ready Glyphosate-resistant GMO wheat located at one or both of those two sites.

Old McDonald Had A Farm

According to *Ahead of the Tape*/by Justin Lahart the global economy is weaker than analysts had predicted, customers want healthier food options, and there is a decline in Americans' desire to eat out. He claims the Golden Arches may be losing a bit of their gleam. (July 22, THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL, "McDonald's Still Makes for a Steady Diet")

Nuclear-Free Cities

There are 5,664 cities in 159 nations that have joined the "**Mayors for Peace**" Proclamation. OREGON has seven proclaimed nuclear-free zone cities and the number is growing. PORTLAND was the first city to make the nuclear-free zone proclamation in 1988. The next year EUGENE made the proclamation in 1989. ASHLAND was the third to proclaim in 1998. Then LINCOLN CITY was added in 2006. After that CORVALLIS came aboard in 2007, TUALATIN joined in 2009, and BEAVERTON, in 2011. Wouldn't it be lovely if all cities had "**Mayors for Peace**".

The CITY OF ASHLAND, OREGON, is co-sponsoring a three-day, two-night event, along with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) and many local sponsors. This has been an annual Ashland event for nearly 30-years.

Mayor Stromberg has proclaimed the entire first week of August as JAPAN FRIENDSHIP WEEK and will welcome visitors from JAPAN who are coming to participate in the annual **Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial Vigil** downtown at the Plaza, on August 4-9th. (From the desk of Jill Mackie, Ashland, OREGON WILPF chapter)

Annie Get Your Geiger Counter

Nuclear physicists will tell you that nuclear radiation is a normal part of the cosmos and earth, but at present, in Japan, the demand for high-quality, U.S.-made, alpha-detecting Geiger counters is at record levels.

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Mazur Instruments makes handheld Geiger counters. They have two handhelds to choose from (Model PRM-8000, for US \$470) or (Model PRM-9000, for US \$595. Shipping is extra. The contact information is Mazur Instruments, 200 South Wilcox Street, #448, Castle Rock, COLORADO 80104 USA. For inquiries email prm.info@MazurInstruments.com, or to order call 1.303.325.7463.

At **Fukushima Dai-chi** the spent fuel rods are at risk of a dreadful fire if another earthquake strikes the region. And, yes, there is seismic vulnerability. *God forbid meltdown of the fourth reactor pool.*

The Nuclear-Free Movement

Nuclear energy is unsustainable because of the unsolved long-term nuclear waste storage problem. This generation is leaving it behind as clutter. How fair is that for our grandchildren. If your state has a nuclear power plant you can contact www.nukewatchinfo.org.

Did you also know that every nuclear energy reactor enables nuclear weapons development, because mined uranium and spent fuel can both be re-processed to make bombs.

That's why Grandmothers are becoming part of the movement to halt nuclear disaster by preventing nuclear disaster. What you can do today is join the *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom* (WILPF). Go to www.wilpfus.org and click on "Join". Martin Luther King was a member of WILPF, so men can join also. Give a gift membership to your children and grandchildren for Christmas. It's the best gift to future generations who want to be born, that you could present.

Are the Material Girls and Boys Having Fun Yet

Humankind has sent mega-hot nuclear clouds into our atmospheric air, and it was lifted by solar heat into our upper atmosphere where winds blew the radioactive particles around the world. For many years the radioactive particles absorbed sunshine up there, and now droughts and shorter growing seasons. The future generations want to be born. They do not want us to have a *Nuclear Winter*. Let's please get rid of nuclear and be good little girls and boys in the Galaxy.

And, yes, we must reduce hydrocarbons and nuclear tests in the atmosphere. Nuclear power plants rely on far more enormous amounts of water than does any fossil fuel plant. It's called **global melt**. Nuclear energy competes with agricultural use for water.

Senators Barbara Boxer and Bernie Sanders introduced **Senate Bill 332**, the "**Climate Protection Act of 2013**".

(Source: Spring 2013 PEACE AND FREEDOM, "*Climate Change, Nuclear Power, and Renewable Energy: Environmental Reality vs. Political Rhetoric*" by H. Patricia Hynes)

Plan Now for September 21

The United Nations **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE** is an annual event every September 21. Look it up on the internet and ask your Mayor and City Council members to commemorate it by having some kind of public festival or parade on that day. Or, start one yourself. You could have a movie day and show films. The documentaries named below are educational. The planet's in trouble and she needs your help. It's about the type of love that is necessary to heal the planet because the purpose of life is gladness. The present solutions to planetary problems can be overcome and better choices utilized.

NUCLEAR MOM airs regularly on the DOCUMENTARY CHANNEL, which also has its educational distribution. See <http://atomicmom.org>. Make a day of it and also show IN MY LIFETIME, which covers the 68-year nuclear history, and THE ATOMIC STATES OF AMERICA movie about US nuclear energy reactor communities. Help make the world a better place for the human race. The atomic clock is ticking.
